IT'D BE BETTER IF YOU DIED.
YOU SHOULD DIE.
IT WAS THE WHITE DRAGON CLAN..!!
THEY HAVE MORE MONEY THAN THIS ENTIRE COUNTRY.
THOSE GUYS, HMM ?
NEED YOUR CONSENT?
DO I ALWAYS...

FOR THE INFORMATION I HAVE.
JUNIOR, LET'S TRADE THE INFORMATION THAT YOU HAVE...

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IT'S QUIET HERE, SO IT'S EASIER TO TALK.
THE COFFEE HERE IS GREAT.
A CAFE SPECIALIZING IN REALISTIC DOLLS...
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KEKE KEKE
IN MY WORLD, HUMANS FIT INTO ONE OF JUST TWO CATEGORIES: JUNIOR OR SENIOR~~
AH, SO THAT'S HOW IT IS?

AND NOT JUST JOURNALISTS. I EVEN CALL MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL DIET AND GANG HEADS EITHER JUNIOR OR SENIOR.

DACHI COFFEE HAS BECOME POPULAR IN KOREA RECENTLY. TRY SOME, JUNIOR.

YOU'RE A JOURNALIST.
WE'VE NEVER MET BEFORE, YET IT'S "JUNIOR THIS, JUNIOR THAT"...
WE'RE ALL PART OF A WORLD-WIDE FAMILY, RIGHT?
JUNIOR EVERY-WHERE

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HEH HEH HEH...
EH?
YOUR EMOTIONS HAVE BEEN GETTING THE BEST OF YOU LATELY, RIGHT?
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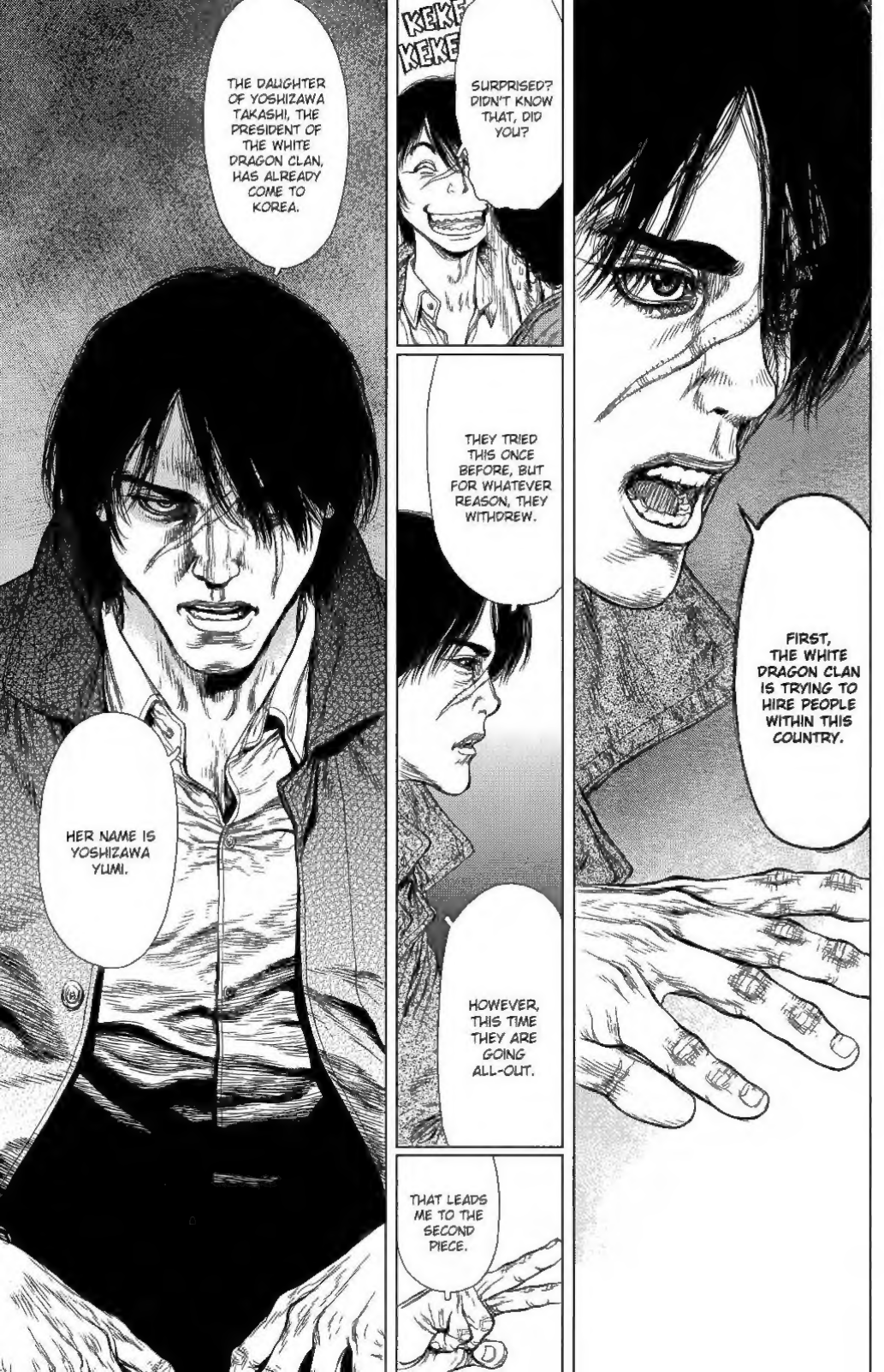
IF IT'S ALRIGHT WITH YOU, WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME WHAT'S UP?
JOURNALISTS SHOULDN'T BE SWAYED BY THEIR FEELINGS.

I'M JUST A REGULAR...
NOVICE.
IT'S MY FIRST TIME CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION,
AND THE MORE INFORMATION I DIG UP, THE LESS I UNDERSTAND.
WHILE I'M DIGGING, IT'S LIKE I'M IN A MAZE. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT I SHOULD DO...
I'M JUST GETTING MORE AND MORE CONFUSED.
WHAT'S MORE...
WHEN IT COMES TO POLITICAL OR CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS, SOMEONE LIKE YOU COULD EASILY CONTINUE TO COLLECT INFORMATION, EVEN IF IT AMOUNTED TO MORE THAN 100 CASES.
BUT ME...
I'M...
HONESTLY, I'M SCARED...

JUNIOR, YOU'RE A JOURNALIST.
...EH?
THE ANSWER IS SIMPLE: IGNORE IT.
Obviously.
THIS IS THE ONLY PATH YOU HAVE TO FOLLOW.
YOU DON'T NEED TO THINK ABOUT IT.
GUYS WITH THICK SKULLS BECOME JOURNALISTS.
GUYS WITH COMPLICATED THOUGHTS IN THEIR HEADS BECOME SCHOLARS.
I'VE STUDIED A LOT OF GUYS LIKE US.
IT'S NOT BECAUSE THINGS ARE COMPLICATED IN YOUR HEAD.
KOTANI, MY JUNIOR,
ARE YOU THICK-SKULLED?
THAT'S WHAT MAKES A GOOD JOURNALIST.
FACING AND HEEDLESSLY RUNNING TOWARDS THE THINGS THAT SHAKE YOU TO YOUR CORE...

WRONG.
JUNIOR, WHAT GOAL SHOULD A JOURNALIST PURSUE?
HUMAN RIGHTS!
OKAY!! THAT'S THE SPIRIT!
IF YOU SAY "THICK-SKULLED" IN OSAKA, THEN YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT KOTANI SHINPEI!
JOURNALISTS SHOULD PURSUE NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH!
THERE ARE TWO PIECES OF INFORMATION I WANTED TO TRADE YOU.
THE TRUTH ...!!


FIRST, THE WHITE DRAGON CLAN IS TRYING TO HIRE PEOPLE WITHIN THIS COUNTRY.
KEKE KEKE
SURPRISED? DIDN'T KNOW THAT, DID YOU?
THEY TRIED THIS ONCE BEFORE, BUT FOR WHATEVER REASON, THEY WITHDREW.
HOWEVER, THIS TIME THEY ARE GOING ALL-OUT.
THAT LEADS ME TO THE SECOND PIECE.
THE DAUGHTER OF YOSHIZAWA TAKASHI, THE PRESIDENT OF THE WHITE DRAGON CLAN, HAS ALREADY COME TO KOREA.
HER NAME IS YOSHIZAWA YUMI.

THANK YOU, CRIMSON JOURNALIST!!
AND I CAN SEE THE PATH WHICH I MUST TAKE...!!
I'VE ALMOST FOUND THE KEY THAT I NEED!
I'M JUST ABOUT THERE...

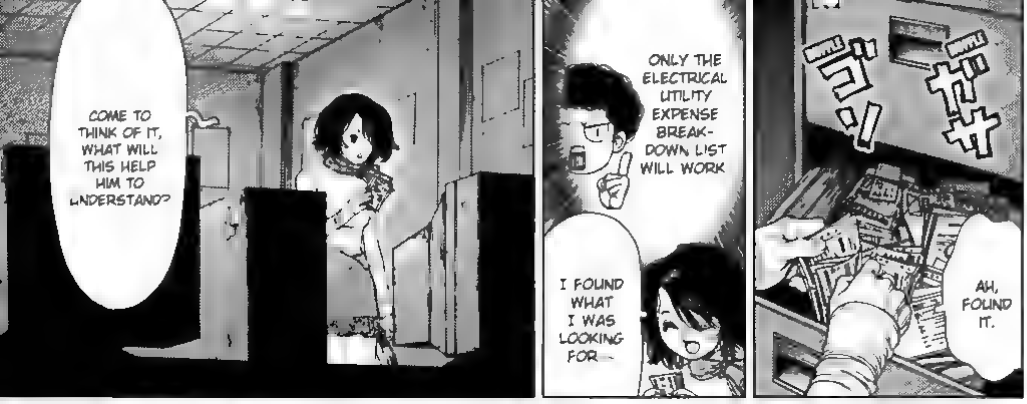
SECOND, THE SUN-KEN ROCK GROUP'S BOSS IS PARK TAE-SOO.
FIRST, A CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION CALLED THE SUN-KEN ROCK GROUP IS OPERATING WITHIN KOREA.
IT HAS TO BE AT LEAST TWO THINGS~~
SO, WHAT KIND OF INFORMATION DO YOU HAVE FOR ME?

WHAT!?
WH—
FWIP
AND WITH THAT, SENPAI, I'M OUT-!!

I'LL BEAT YOU WITH MY FISTS UNTIL YOU CRY. SO IF YOU WANT TO BLEED, THEN...
APOLOGI-
ANYWHERE!
I DECEIVED

SO VERY SORRY...
I WAS GOING TO WRITE AN ARTICLE ABOUT KITANO KEN.
I THOUGHT IF I WROTE AN ARTICLE ABOUT KEN, I WOULD BECOME A GREAT JOURNALIST.
BUT, AS YOU MAY ALREADY KNOW...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT MAN AT ALL.
HOWEVER, IT'D BE NICE IF THERE WAS JUST ONE MORE CLUE AT THE END
WHICH WOULD HELP ME TO WRITE A PROPER ARTICLE ABOUT HIM.
YOU WANT ME TO HELP YOU?
...
I'LL HELP YOU AFTER ALL.
DO YOU HATE KEN?
IT'S NOT THAT.

BUT...
FOR SOME REASON, I STILL CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO HATE HIM.
I ALSO WANT TO KNOW
MORE ABOUT THE MAN NAMED "KEN", WHOM YOU'RE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT...


COME TO THINK OF IT, WHAT WILL THIS HELP HIM TO UNDERSTAND?
I FOUND WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR—
ONLY THE ELECTRICAL UTILITY EXPENSE BREAK-DOWN LIST WILL WORK
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AH, FOUND IT.

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EH?

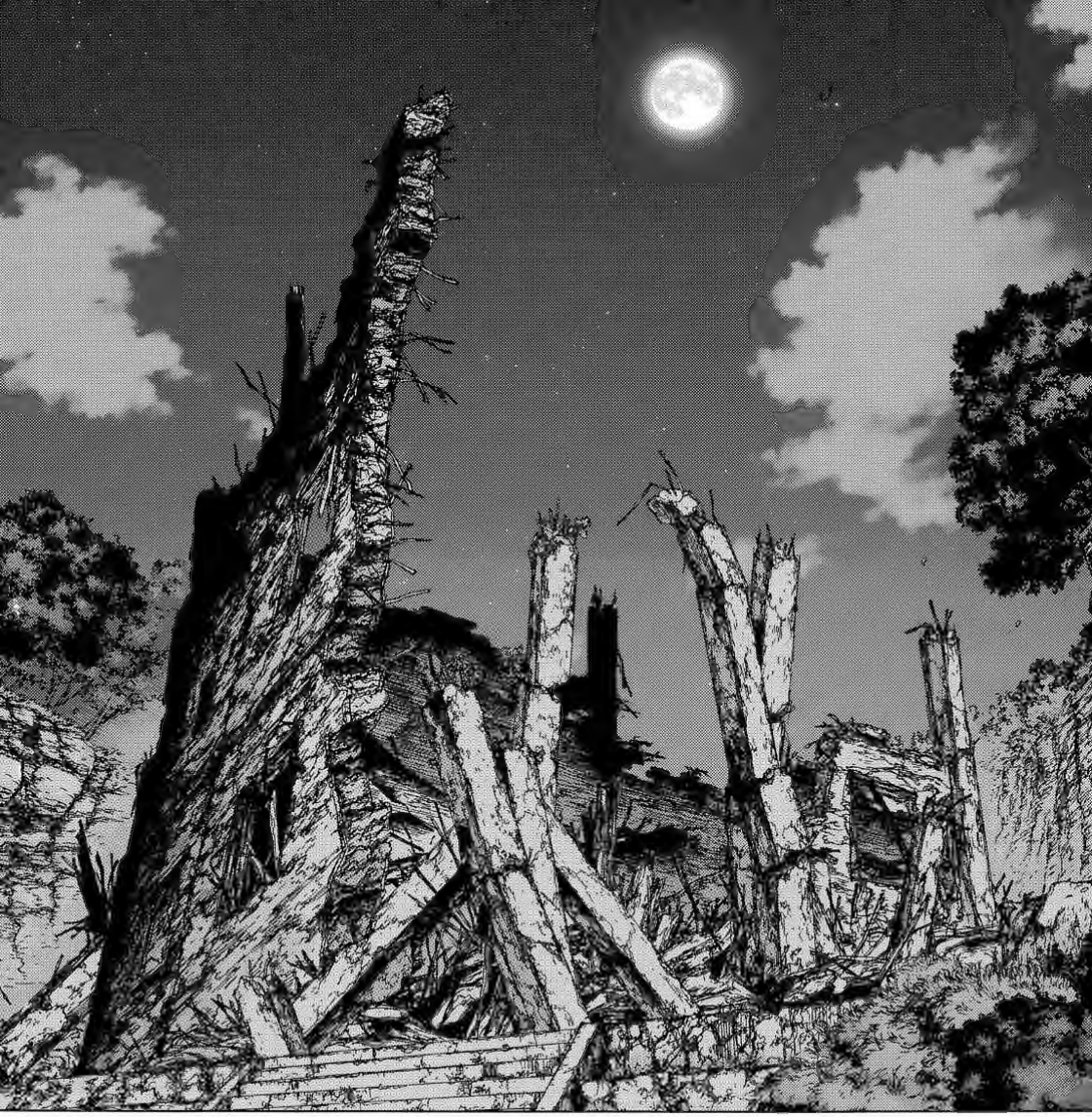
I'VE BEEN CAUGHT!
AND BY THE WORST PERSON POSSIBLE —!!

AND LEFT 2-3 HOURS LATER...
YOU CAME AT A TIME WHEN NOBODY ELSE WAS AROUND..
I-I'M PRETTY SURE I DIDN'T COME HERE BEFORE, BUT. .
AHH..... THAT'S WHAT SOMEONE CAUGHT IN THE ACT WOULD SAY~~!!
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN THERE?
H...
CAME HERE BEFORE.
YOU .

I WASN'T CAUGHT?
EH?
IF YOUR TASK IS FINISHED, THEN LEAVE
JUST LEAVE ME BE.

WHY ARE YOU JUST LETTING ME GO?
DO YOU NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT I CAME FOR?
You're thinking out loud.
DON'T EXPECT THE WORST, YOU IDIOT!!
...
REALLY AREN'T THAT INTELLIGENT.
YOU...
KEN HAS ALREADY DEPARTED FROM OUR WORLD.
NAMI.

I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT IT,
IT'D BE NICE IF SOMEONE REMEMBERED THAT MAN AS A LEGEND.
HE DISAPPEARED COMPLETELY, AS IF MADE OF SMOKE. SO NOW...
AND I THINK I'D BE GRATEFUL TO YOU IF YOU HELPED WITH THAT.



MR KOTANI...
NAMI!! THANK YOU SO MUCH!
I KNEW IT...
I GET IT NOW!
I HAVE ALMOST ALL OF THE PIECES I NEED!

I TOO HAVE DISCOVERED SOMETHING ABOUT THE SUN-KEN ROCK GROUP FOR MYSELF.
JUST LIKE YOU,
THOSE GUYS... THEY'RE ALL IDIOTS.
THEY'RE TRULY AMAZING IDIOTS...
AND YET SOMEHOW...

BUT I WAS JUST A PLAIN OLD REGULAR IDIOT...!

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